



## PARRA NOTES

Friday, July 8

I hope you all had a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This week in the Capitol was a little different than most. Between the various committee hearings I had to attend and the budget negotiations, my meetings with organizations from the district were limited. But now that we have a budget, I am confident that we will be back to the usual routine next week.

### State Budget

On Tuesday evening, the Governor and Legislative leaders reached a budget agreement. Though reached five days into the fiscal year, this is excellent progress compared to years past when negotiations went on for months.

I am excited to report that on Thursday, the budget went before the Assembly and the Senate and passed. The budget will now be sent to the Governor's desk for his signature. Though he has twelve days to decide whether he will sign it, we anticipate he will do so on Tuesday. The 2005-2006 budget totals roughly \$116 billion, does not raise taxes, has no new borrowing and fully funds investments in transportation. Other budget highlights include:

- No cuts to in In Home Support Services
- Repayment of 11.3 billion to cities and counties of borrowed Vehicle License Fees
- Full funding of higher education
- Protection of health care services
- Establishment of a new major nursing program
- \$500,000 to each of the Sheriff's Departments located in the 37 smallest counties in the state.

### **THE CENTRAL VALLEY RURAL CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM (CVRCP)**

For those of you that might be unaware, **CVRCP** is a program crucial to protecting the residents and the economy of the San Joaquin Valley. The program has been praised by the Legislative Analyst and has served as a model for other jurisdictions looking to curb rural crime.

In the June 10<sup>th</sup> Parra Notes, I reported that the **CVRCP** was being threatened. The Governor's May revise had proposed cutting funding for the program by 60%, leaving just over \$1.4 million to be divided between eight Central Valley counties. Due to the pressure placed upon leadership by the Central Valley delegation, we now have good news. I am happy to report that \$3.341 million has been allocated in the 2005-2006 state budget for this program.

### Other Highlights

#### **FOSTER CARE CONFERENCE**

This Saturday, **July 9<sup>th</sup>**, I will be hosting a Foster Care Conference at **California State University Bakersfield's Student Union Building** from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Registration begins at **8:00 a.m.** Joining me will be several organizations who will inform foster care youth and parents of available resources and rights. This event is open to the public. For more information please contact Juan Cerda at my Bakersfield District office at **(661) 334-3745** or by e-mail at [Juan.Cerda@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Juan.Cerda@asm.ca.gov).

#### **SUMMER INTERNS WANTED**

I am presently accepting applications for my summer internship program in my Hanford and Bakersfield district offices. Candidates should be residents of the 30<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, possess solid research and communication skills, have a strong interest in public policy and political issues facing the Central Valley.

Applications can be found at <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a30>. For more details, please contact Richard Valle at the Hanford office at **(559) 585-7170** or by e-mail at [Richard.Valle@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Richard.Valle@asm.ca.gov). For Bakersfield office internships please contact **Manuel Barrera** at **(661) 334-3745** or by e-mail at [Manuel.Barrera@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Manuel.Barrera@asm.ca.gov)

#### **GRANTS**

Beginning mid July my office will be distributing grant packages. Included in the package will be information regarding, state, federal and private grants. For more information please contact Juan Cerda at **(661) 334-3745** or by e-mail at [Juan.Cerda@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Juan.Cerda@asm.ca.gov)

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